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STATE FOR OES/OA (RWSMITH), EB/ESC (MCMANUS AND ERVITI),
WHA/CAN (MASON AND RUNNING)

DOE FOR I/A (A/S BAILEY AND KATHLEEN DEUTSCH)

E.O. 12958: N/A

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SUBJECT: BEAUFORT SEA LEASE SALE DEMARCHE DELIVERED

REFTEL: STATE 43993

ON FEBRUARY 19, ENERGY/ESTOFF DELIVERED THE DIPNOTE
CONTAINED IN REFTEL TO JOHN RODNEY, LEGAL OFFICER, OCEANS
LAW DIVISION (JLO), OF THE CANADIAN DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN
AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL TRADE (DFAIT). OUR DIPNOTE WAS
DATED FEBRUARY 18, 2003 AND WAS NUMBERED OTTAWA 169. WE
ALSO DISCUSSED THIS ISSUE WITH PETER FAWCETT, DEPUTY
DIRECTOR OF THE U.S. TRANSBOUNDARY DIVISION OF DFAIT. IN
BOTH CONVERSATIONS, ESTOFF EMPHASIZED THE POINTS
CONTAINED IN THE DIPNOTE AND BACKGROUND, PARTICULARLY
U.S. WILLINGNESS TO MEET IN AN EFFORT TO RESOLVE THE
UNDERLYING BEAUFORT SEA TERRITORIAL DISPUTE. NEITHER
DFAIT OFFICER MADE A SUBSTANTIVE RESPONSE. RODNEY
PROMISED A DIPNOTE IN REPLY IN THE RELATIVELY NEAR
FUTURE. CELLUCCI